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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 – 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

TITLE: National Management Information System (Wildlife Service)

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0579-0335

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS),

Wildlife Services (WS), is a service program that responds to requests by persons and agencies

needing help with wildlife damage. Assistance is available to all citizens upon request. The

primary statutory authority for the APHIS/WS program is the Act of March 1931 (7 U.S.C. 426-

426c; 46 Stat. 1468) as amended. Section 426 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture

to conduct a program of wildlife services with respect to injurious animal species and take any

action the Secretary considers necessary in conducting the program. Information provided by

customers in the WS programs is voluntary so that WS can prepare to help them. APHIS/WS

will collect information using several forms.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: Information collected in most situations is used in

routine business communication activities by WS as part of its cooperative programs initiated by

request from the public and government entities. The collected information from the forms will

help WS modify and improve its programs to better fulfill mission objectives, suit the needs of

Cooperators, and provide increasingly superior service.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other for-

profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 117,772

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion; Biennially; Annually

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 5,448

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